

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is related to electronic information transfer between trading partners and more particularly to the information transfer protocols and processing, the topology of information exchange, and the delivery of the information transfer service. An information transfer protocol server provides a user interface for manual processing of information transactions. In addition, a filter function provides a means for integrating selected information transactions with other systems. A private exchange for exchanging information between trading partners where each trading partner has an information transfer protocol server and information is exchanged using the information transfer protocol.